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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on March 6, 2001, Applicants hereby call the following document, which was cited in a Canadian Office Action dated October 10, 2001 for corresponding Canadian Patent Application No. 2,242,345, to the Examiner's attention:

Canadian Patent No. 2,150,614, published on April 11, 2001.

Applicants note that the relevance of the above-mentioned document with respect to the various claims of the Canadian application, as well as the relevant passages of this document, are as discussed in the Canadian Office Action, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the patent document. The above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449

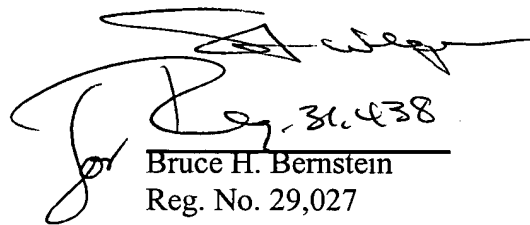
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Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Further, Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application and thus consideration of the above-cited documents is appropriate. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), to be charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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